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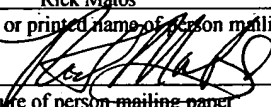
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For: Adjustable Button Cinch Anchor
Orthopedic Fastener

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2001, a response to which was due December 2, 2001, Applicant hereby submits a Petition for Extension of the time in which to respond to the outstanding office action and a check in the amount of \$55.00 in payment of the associated fee.

RESPONSE

Claims 34-76 remain pending in this application. No claim have been amended. No new claims have been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims.

Claims 34-76 stand subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121. The pending claims were grouped as follows:

- Group I: claims 34-51
- Group II: claims 52-64
- Group III: claims 65-76.

Moreover, the figures were grouped as being drawn to particular species of collets and particular species of elongate fasteners. Insofar as it may apply to the present claims, this restriction requirement is respectfully traversed.

Applicant hereby elects for further prosecution the subject matter of the claims of Group I, which are drawn to an orthopedic fastening system, and specifically the species of the

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elongate fastener T1/T1A/H4 (Figure 73) in combination with the collet 12D (Figure 67).
Claims 34, 35, 40, 42, 43, and 47- 50 are readable on the elected species.

Pending allowance of the elected claims, applicant hereby requests reconsideration of
claims 36-39, 41, 44-46 and 51.

Applicant hereby requests consideration of this response and entry thereof into the record.
Early and favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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